

REMARKS

The amendment to Claim 24 restricts the compositional makeup of the claimed composition to the named components.

Claims 2-10, 14, 17-20 and 23-24 are pending.

The invention is directed to a molding composition that contains polycarbonate, a graft polymer, a mixture of phosphorous compounds and fluorinated polyolefin, as presently amended the composition is restricted to the named components.

The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) said to be anticipated by Eckel et al. (U.S. Patent 5,672,645)

Eckel's composition that requires the inclusion of a vinyl copolymer is patentably differentiated from the invention as presently claimed. As was previously explained and accepted, the art-skilled recognizes that component B), the graft of the present invention embraces species, such as the exemplified ABS that inevitably include an amount of ungrafted copolymer, in this case styrene/acrylonitrile copolymer. As claimed the composition does not exclude such inevitable ungrafted copolymers of the required graft, rather added components are thus excluded.

The rejection over Eckel is believed addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

Key to the present invention is the findings that the exclusion of added copolymer contributes to an advantageous combination of properties including thermal stability, good mechanical properties, including weld line strength, impact strength and flame resistance. The addition of a copolymer, an essential component of the composition disclosed by Eckel was seen to bring about a decline in thermal stability and notched impact strength and a considerable reduction of the weld line strength.

The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eckel et al. U.S. Patent 5,672,645 in view of Kagegawa et al (U.S. Patent 5,455,292); Lee et al U.S. Patent 5,674,924 or Cheil Industries (EPO731, 140) further in view of Wittman et al U.S. Patent 5,061,745, Podszun et al U.S. Patent 5,733,957 or Serini U.S. Patent 4,172,103.

Eckel has been discussed above. None of the secondary documents alone or in combination one with the others is believed to in anyway augment Eckel to describe or suggest the invention as presently claimed. The rejection under section 103 is requested to be reconsidered and withdrawn.


Believing the above is a complete response to the outstanding Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, the Applicants solicit an early indication to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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